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August 27, 1999

Illinois Department of Transportation
 Division of Highways/District 4
 401 Main Street
 Peoria, IL 61602-1111

RE: Proposed 336 bypass, west of Macomb

At a recent auction I acquired the Russell Thorell property located in Emmet Township, McDonough County. (see attached plat map)

I am concerned that the 336 bypass, as it is now proposed to swing west of Macomb, will split this property in two hindering the continued use of the sand pit as a business, which is the main reason for my purchase. Also, I will soon begin developing and selling residential lots around the lake. At this time, I am requesting that the proposed bypass be located even further west so that I can continue to operate the sand pit as a business.

Or, perhaps, another option might be to locate the bypass completely east of my newly acquired property.

Please give my request consideration while planning the bypass and contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jack Laverdiere

Jack Laverdiere
 President

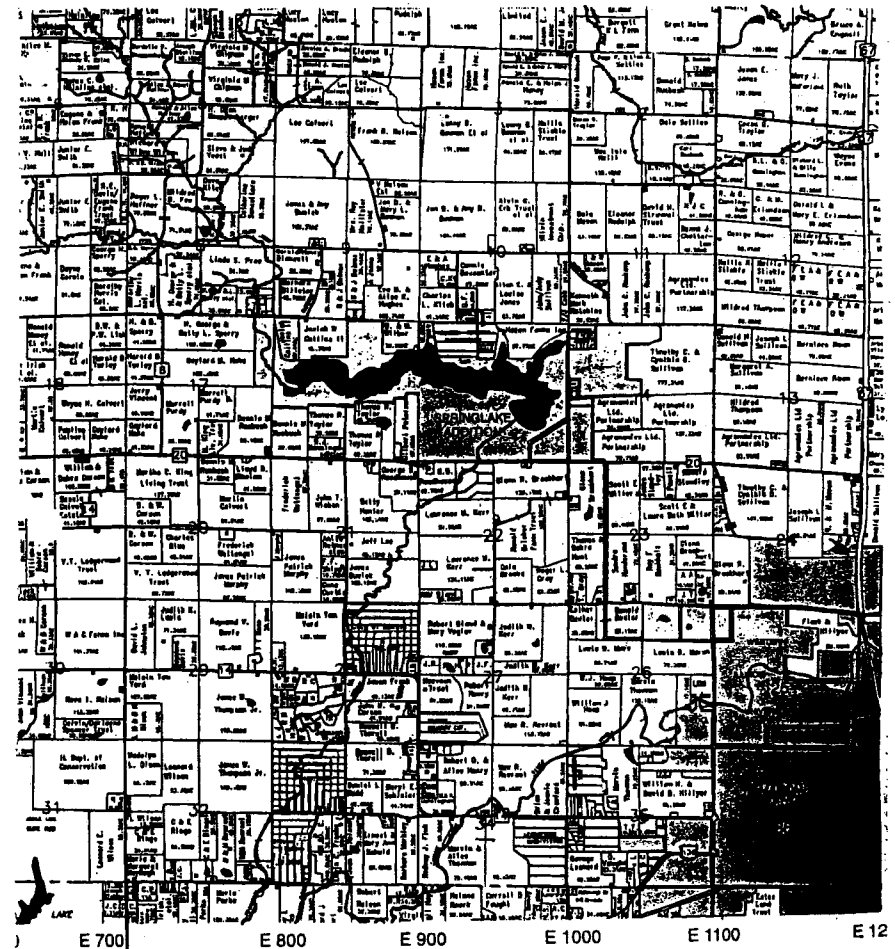
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STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I

FAP Route 315 (IL 336) & FAP Route 310 (U.S. 67)
Macomb Area Study
McDonough County
Job No. P-94-152-91
Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Jack Laverdiere, President
Laverdiere Construction, Inc.
4055 West Jackson St.
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Laverdiere:

Thank you for your August 27, 1999 letter regarding the Macomb Bypass Study. A copy of your letter is included with this response. In your letter you expressed concern regarding the impact of the proposed bypass on your proposed sand pit operation. As you indicated, the proposed bypass presented at the April 28, 1999 public informational meeting at Edison School showed the bypass as bisecting the two Thorell parcels, which are now owned by you. The Department thanks you for notifying us of this change in ownership. Property severances, the impact on property use, access, along with environmental, agricultural, and engineering impacts are all factors which are considered in analyzing and determining a proposed alignment location.

Since the April 28, 1999 public informational meeting, the Department is studying in detail an alignment shift of approximately 450 feet to the west. This western alignment alternate attempts to minimize impacts to your proposed operation and preserves most of your sand pit. A western shift of the alignment completely off of your property is not desirable due to the location of Spring Creek and heavily wooded areas to the west.

Your letter also suggested locating the bypass completely east of your property. In the past few years, the Department has studied three alignment alternates east of the Macomb County Estates subdivision. These alignment alternates were dropped because of extensive environmental impacts.

The Department will present the recommended alignment and associated impacts at a public hearing tentatively scheduled in 2000. The public hearing will be used by the Department to receive further public input on the refined alignment location.

Mr. Laverdiere, President
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The Department is continuing an analysis of environmental impacts of the proposed bypass. The Department is requesting you permission to allow three Department employees to inspect and photograph the native species of plants and trees on your property in the vicinity of the shifted western alignment alternate. The employees would like to enter your property on Thursday, September 30, weather permitting. A representative from the Department will be contacting you in the next two weeks regarding permission to enter your property.

Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass Study and your further cooperation. If you have further comments or questions, please contact Paul Heeg at (309)671-3462 or Tom Lacy at (309)671-3453.

Very truly yours,

Mike Rippel
Acting District Engineer

By: Roger Roche
Acting Program Development Engineer

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Macomb Area Study
McDonough County
Job No. P-94-152-91
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Dean and Sharon Chenoweth
8830 E. 1100th St.
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth:

Thank you for your comments from the April 28, 1999 public informational meeting at Edison School regarding the Macomb Bypass Study. A copy of your comments are included with this response. As you indicated, the proposed bypass presented at the April 28, 1999 public informational meeting at Edison School showed your property just south of US 136 on the west side of Macomb as being impacted. The proposed interchange at US 136 and the IL 336 alignment in this vicinity were presented to the public at a public hearing held on November 5 and 6, 1997. Property severances, the impact on property use, agricultural impacts, access, along with environmental and engineering impacts are all factors which are considered in analyzing and determining a proposed alignment location.

The Department will present the recommended bypass alignment, profile, and associated impacts at a public hearing tentatively scheduled in 2000. The public hearing will be used by the Department to receive further public input on the refined alignment location.

In your comments you also asked the Department to seriously consider installing traffic signals at the intersection of Wigwam Hollow Rd. and Jackson St. (US 136). The installation of traffic signals at Wigwam Hollow / Jackson St. is currently underway and is part of a larger project that includes the resurfacing of Jackson St. from Deere Rd. to Ward St. This project is expected to be completed by this winter.

Mr. Dean & Sharon Chenoweth
September 14, 1999
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Thank you for your interest in highway improvements in McDonough County. If you have further comments or questions, please contact Paul Heeg at (309)671-3462.

Very truly yours,

Mike Rippel
Acting District Engineer

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Acting Program Development Engineer

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March 13, 2000

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FAP Route 315 (IL 336) & FAP Route 310 (U.S. 67)
Macomb Area Study
McDonough County
Job No. P-94-152-91
Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Robert Foxall
1115 E. Carol St.
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Foxall:

Thank you for recent telephone call regarding the Macomb Bypass Study. You inquired about the impacts of the Macomb Bypass north of CH 14. As you mentioned, you own property in the northwest corner of the intersection of CH 14 (1350 N) and 900 E.

A public informational meeting regarding the Macomb Bypass was held at Edison School on April 28, 1999. Included with this letter is an excerpt from one of the exhibits displayed at the meeting. Two handouts provided at the meeting are also included for your comments. Any comments you send in will be included as part of the official project record. Based on further study by the Department and on comments received since the April 28 meeting, the Department is studying a westward alignment shift of up to 500 feet between the valley north of the river and CH 14. This western alignment alternate attempts to minimize impacts to bird habitats and wetlands north of the river. The particular bird habitats affected include the brown creeper, henslow's sparrow, and loggerhead shrike. The impact to these bird habitats and others are being addressed in the Department's environmental impact statement for the Macomb Bypass study. The western alignment under study is located on the west side of the bird habitats as opposed to more directly through them, as was presented at the April 28 meeting. A western alignment shift also reduces the impact of property severances for the property owners north of Adams St. and increases the distance of the bypass from residents along 900E. Locating the alignment further west is not desirable due to the location of Spring Creek, residential areas, and heavily wooded areas to the west. The western alignment currently under study is located approximately 1000 feet east of Flint Rd..

You specifically asked about impacts of the bypass to the existing pond located just west of the point where 900 E turns 90 degrees eastward. The eastern right-of-way limits of the alignment currently under study is separated from the western edge of the pond by over 150 feet. Wetlands, such as this pond, have been identified and evaluated by the Department. Impacts to wetlands are significant

factors which are considered in analyzing and determining a proposed alignment location.

The Department is also studying in detail dropping NW-3 as the preferred alignment in favor of NW-2. The NW-2 alignment minimizes impacts to the wooded area north of CH 14. This wooded area is a continuation of the woodland around Spring Lake. The NW-2 alignment follows the edge of the wooded area and does not cause the woodland fragmentation that occurs with NW-3.

The Department's landscape architects are currently studying the native plants and trees within the project limits and will be working on a plan for tree replacement and native plantings. Where possible, the Department is studying purchasing land and extending existing wooded areas, such as the 165 acres north of CH 14, to expand the natural habitat of impacted wildlife.

In addition to studying a western alignment shift of up to 500 feet to the west, the Department is studying lowering the proposed bypass profile north of Adams St. and north of CH 14. A lower bypass profile places the alignment in a "cut" section, which attempts to minimize visual and noise impacts for the residents along 900E. A detailed noise study is currently underway.

The Department will present the recommended alignment, profile, and associated impacts at a public hearing tentatively scheduled in 2000. The public hearing will be used by the Department to receive further public input on the refined alignment location.

Thank you for your interest in the Macomb Bypass. If you have further comments or questions, please contact Paul Heeg at (309)671-3462.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer


By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
Program Development Engineer

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ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION PROGRAM
AGENCY ACTION REPORT

AUG 13 1996

Dept. of Natural Resources
Date Submitted: August 19, 1996
Is this a Resubmittal? [Yes/No] Please circle one
If 'Yes', enter PROJCODE: _____

PROJCODE: <u>32611</u> <u>23677</u>
Date Due: <u>9/23/96</u>

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Agency Name: Illinois Department of Transportation
Contact Person: Barb Traeger
Agency Address: Bureau of Design and Environment, Room 330 Phone: (217)785-0202
2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764 E-mail: _____

DESCRIBE PRECISE LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Project Name: FA 315/FA310 (IL 336/US 67)
County(ies): McDonough
City/Town: Macomb
Township/Range/Section: various
U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name(s): Colchester, Macomb, Bardolph, Bushnell West, Good Hope
Brief Description of the Proposed Action: Construction of a bypass around Macomb

Please enclose a map delineating the location of the proposed action, and return to Dr. Deanna Glosser at the SPRINGFIELD address above.

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QUADCODE(S): 4009047 4009046 4009045 4009055 TC

Are there threatened/endangered species or natural areas located within the vicinity of the project? [Yes] [No]

Is the proposed project likely to adversely affect the threatened/endangered species or INAI sites? [Yes] [No]

The consultation process is terminated? [Yes] [No]

If 'No', complete the enclosed Detailed Agency Action Report to continue the consultation process.

Comments: Melanthium virginicum approx 1/2 mile North of the southern route.
Recommend survey of proposed route for prairie habitat which may
support populations of Melanthium. See Macomb quad map for locations.
Evaluation Approved by: Survey for Loggerhead shrikes.

Kim M. Ruan 8-27-96
Deanna Glosser, Ph.D. Date
Chief, Div. of Natural Resource Review & Coordination

Effective July 1, 1995, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources was created through the consolidation of the Illinois Department of Conservation, Department of Mines and Minerals, Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Council, the Department of Transportation's Division of Water Resources, and the Illinois State Museum and Scientific Surveys from the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

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